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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SITUATION IN EAST JERUSALEM AND WEST BANK

1. WE HAVE HEARD SEVERAL REPORTS OF INTIMIDATION OF ARABS BY ISRAELIS. A NUMBER OF EDITORS AND OTHER POLITICAL "ACTIVISTS" ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN PICKED UP FOR QUESTIONING AND WARNED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES WOULD BE KEPT UNDER SCRUTINY. MOST RELEASED BUT THERE IS UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT YUSEFHASR, PUBLISHER OF ARABIC WEEKLY AL FAJR, IS AMONG THOSE STILL IN JAIL. IN NABLUS SEVERAL WERE ARRESTED FOR THROWING STONES AT SOLDIERS BUT RELEASED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. TEN KNOWN "LEFTISTS" REPORTEDLY STILL DETAINED THERE.

2. CONGENOFF VISITED NABLUS OCT 16 AND FOUND SITUATION OUTWARDLY CALM. HOWEVER, TWO SEPARATE SOURCES, ONE OF WHOM CLAIMED TO HAVE WITNESSED ONE INCIDENT, TOLD HIM THAT EXPLOSION

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TOOK PLACE OCT 8 OUTSIDE LABOR EXCHANGE AND ANOTHER OCT 15

IN FRONT OF POLICE STATION.

3. WE UNDERSTAND ISRAELIS APPROACHED TRUCKERS IN HEBRON AND NABLUS TO HIRE TRUCKS AND DRIVERS, INDICATING IF TRUCKS WERE NOT RENTED TO THEM THEY WOULD BE REQUISITIONED. HEBRON TRUCKERS AGREED BUT NABLUS TRUCKERS INITIALLY REFUSED. CONGENOFF LEARNED THAT TRUCKS WERE NEEDED PRIMARILY TO TRANSPORT FOODSTUFFS FROM ISRAEL TO WEST BANK TOWNS, WHERE SUPPLIES OF SUCH ITEMS AS FLOUR CONTINUE SHORT. NABLUS DRIVERS WERE AFRAID TO GO INTO ISRAEL BUT TODAY APPARENTLY WERE PERSUADED TO AGREE TO ISRAELI REQUEST. ARAB WORKERS FROM NABLUS AND ELSEWHERE GENERALLY, HOWEVER, ARE CONTINUING TO STAY AWAY FROM JOBS IN ISRAEL (WHICH, OF COURSE, MEANS THAT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED ARABS, MAINLY YOUNG MEN, ARE SITTING AROUND WITH NOTHING TO DO).
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